Statement-IV

Central Assistance to States under 'India Eco-development Project' during 2004-05

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Tiger Reserves	Targeted Expenditure & Release during 2004-05 up to 8/2004
1.	Buxa	10.17
2.	Palamau	Nil
3.	Pench	65.45
4.	Periyar	69.49
5.	Ranthambore	2.12
	TOTAL :	147.23

Poor Infrastructure for Environment Protection

*150. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to poor infrastructure, the environment protection mechanism in India suffers substantially which results in a setback in the environment development;

(b) the details regarding Government's efforts in the development of environment proteciton infrastructure; and

(c) the details of allocation of funds during the last five years for institutional strengthening including training and staffing of technical professionals?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The country has the legislation and policy framework required for environmental protection. The essential institutional infrastructure for regulatory and administrative functions is provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Departments for environment and forests and the Central and State Pollution Control Boards. However, considering the vastness of the country, there is need for further strengthening of the available infrastructure.

Government's efforts to protect the environment are through strengthening the existing infrastructure on the one hand, by way of capacity building and training, provision of physical infrastructure, reform of existing laws, policies and systems, use of e-governance, etc. and on the other hand through other measures such as awareness building and public participation, promotion of scientific research, use of scientific principles for conservation of resources, application of economic instruments, etc.

An amount of Rs. 1912.68 crores was released under various plan schemes of the Ministry during the period of 1999-2004 for institutional strengthening including training and staffing of technical professionals.

Taking over of Super Bazar in Delhi

*151. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala State Cooperative Consumer's Federation Ltd. *vide* its resolution dated 23rd October,2003, had decided to take over Super Bazar at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the same is being followed-up;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF) has offered to take over the Super Bazar *vide* its letter dated 20th August,2004 to Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies;

(e) whether the same is being considered; if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies has ordered payment of salary arrears to the employees; and

(g) if so, the action taken, so far, on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Kerala State Cooperative Consumers Federation Ltd. (KSCCF) *vide* its letter dated